Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Ypsilanti, MI
October 19, 2025 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Key
P: Pastor
A: Assisting Ministers
C: Congregation

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.
C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

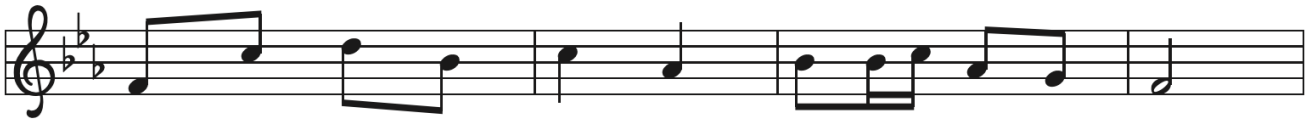
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful and loving God,
C: we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

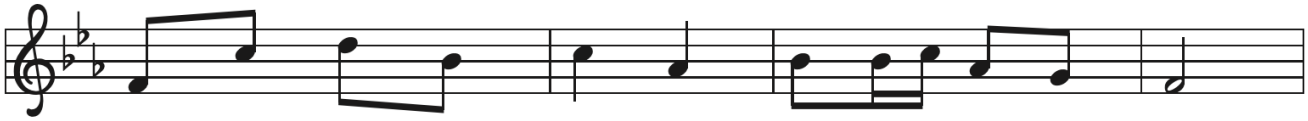
P: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ✠ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!
C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ACS 1062

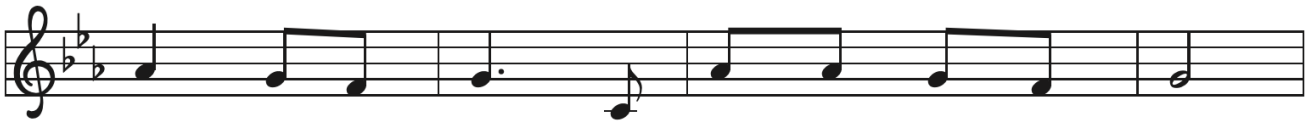
"Build a Longer Table"



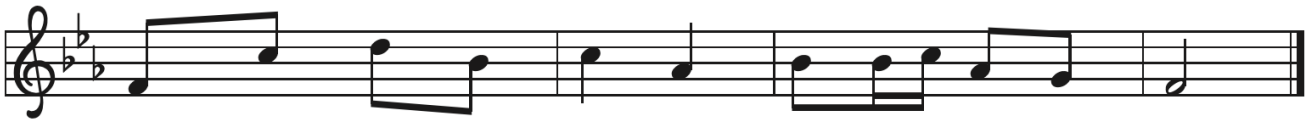
1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984
Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol
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GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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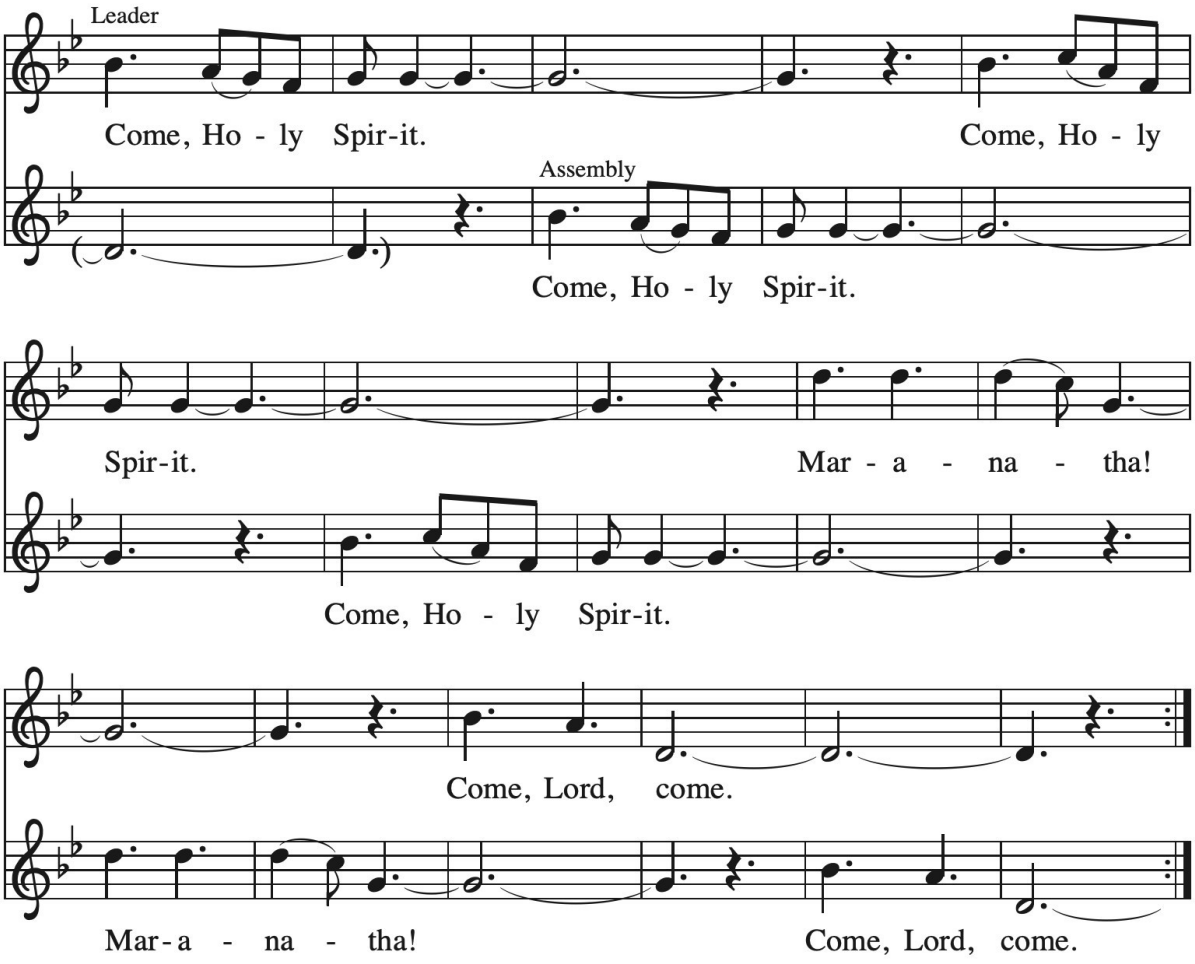

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

C: O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31

Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."

A: A reading from Genesis.

22 The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his
eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. 23 He took them and sent them
across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. 24 Jacob was left alone, and a
man wrestled with him until daybreak. 25 When the man saw that he did not
prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out
of joint as he wrestled with him. 26 Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is
breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." 27 So he said
to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." 28 Then the man said, "You
shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with
humans and have prevailed." 29 Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name."
But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. 30 So
Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life
is preserved." 31 The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his
hip.

A: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 121

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?
2 **My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.**
3 The LORD will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.
4 **Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**
5 the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
6 **the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**
7 The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.
8 **The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,**
from this time forth forevermore.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5

The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

A: A reading from Second Timothy.

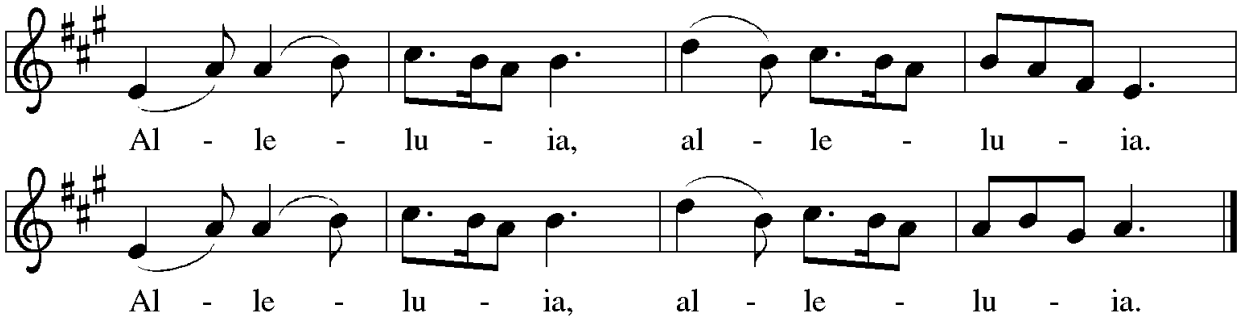
14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing
from whom you learned it 15 and how from childhood you have known sacred
writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ
Jesus. 16 All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for
correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 so that the person of God may be
proficient, equipped for every good work.

4:1 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the
dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge
you: 2 proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or
unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in
teaching. 3 For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound
teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves
teachers to suit their own desires 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth
and wander away to myths. 5 As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering,
do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

A: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

P: The Gospel according to Luke.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[1] Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. [2] He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. [3] In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' [4] For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, [5] yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " [6] And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. [7] And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? [8] I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME — Rev. Joshua Rinas

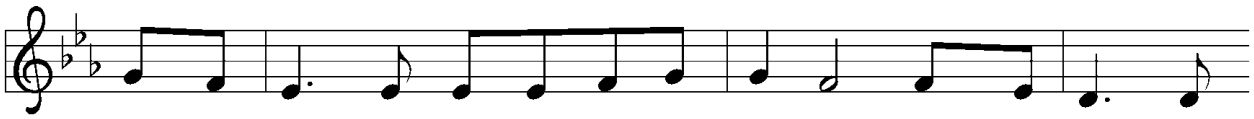
A special message for children.

SERMON — Rev. Joshua Rinas

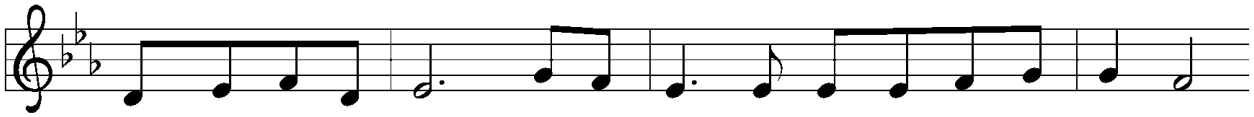
Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 790

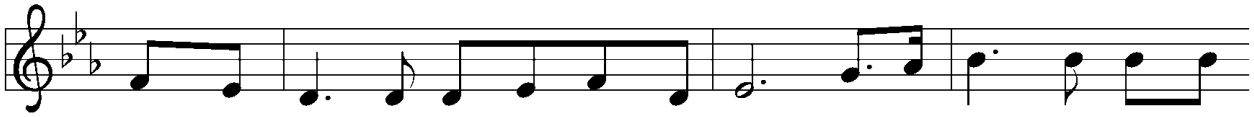
"Day by Day"



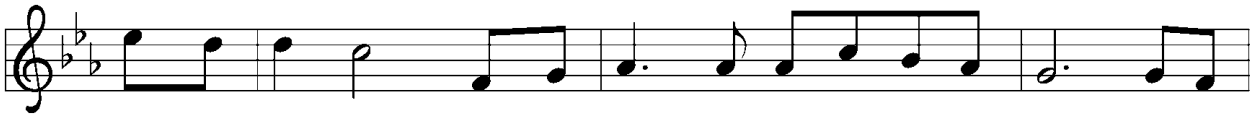
1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



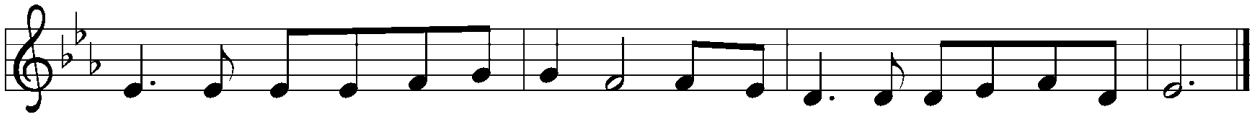
to my anx-ious soul. Day by day, the bless-ings, Lord, you send me
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n-ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
o'er the paths I strug-gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav-ior,
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav-ior,
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav-ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
with your pres-ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom-ised land.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Robert Leaf, 1936–2005
Music: BLOTT EN DAG, Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813–1882
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APOSTLES' CREED

A: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

A: We pray for the church universal. O God, who unites the church across the globe, bring unity and peace to a world divided by hatred and opposition. Turn our hearts toward the gospel of Jesus Christ. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for creation. O God, who made heaven and earth, draw us to the beauty of the whole creation. Turn us toward a right relationship with the entire cosmos. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for all nations, states, cities, and towns. O God, you rule over all the earth. Grant our elected officials humility in their decision-making for the sake of the entire world. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. O God, who heals and strengthens, our help comes from you in times of need. Support, comfort, and heal those who suffer especially John, Vicki, Elizabeth, Cora, Bonnie, Lew, Amanda, Louise, the friends and family of Vivian, Janet, Barb, and Ruth. God of grace,
C: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for Emmanuel Lutheran Church. O God, who guides this congregation, encourage us to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Nurture our relationships with the community, that we serve and advocate for those who come to us in need. God of grace,
C: receive our prayer.

A: For what else does this congregation pray? Prayers may be said aloud, typed into the live chat box, or silently in your hearts…

Brief Pause for the congregation to respond.

A: God of grace,
C: receive our prayer.

A: We offer thanksgiving for the faithful departed. O God, whose promises never end, we thank you for all the saints who have shown us the way of your Son, Jesus Christ. God of grace,
C: receive our prayer.

A: We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

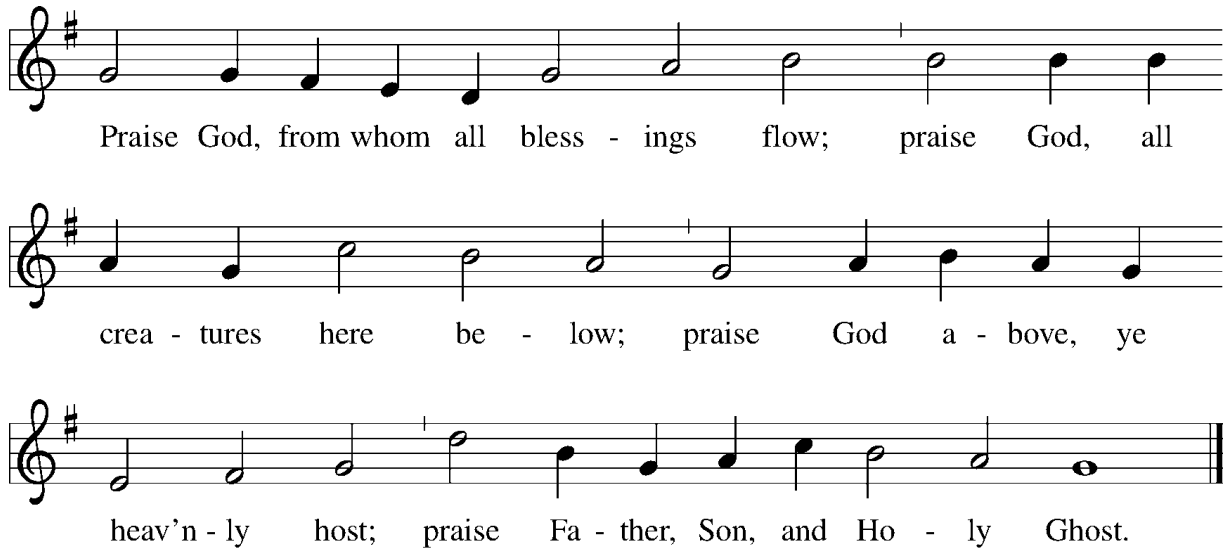
P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN – *"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"*



OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray,

C: Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

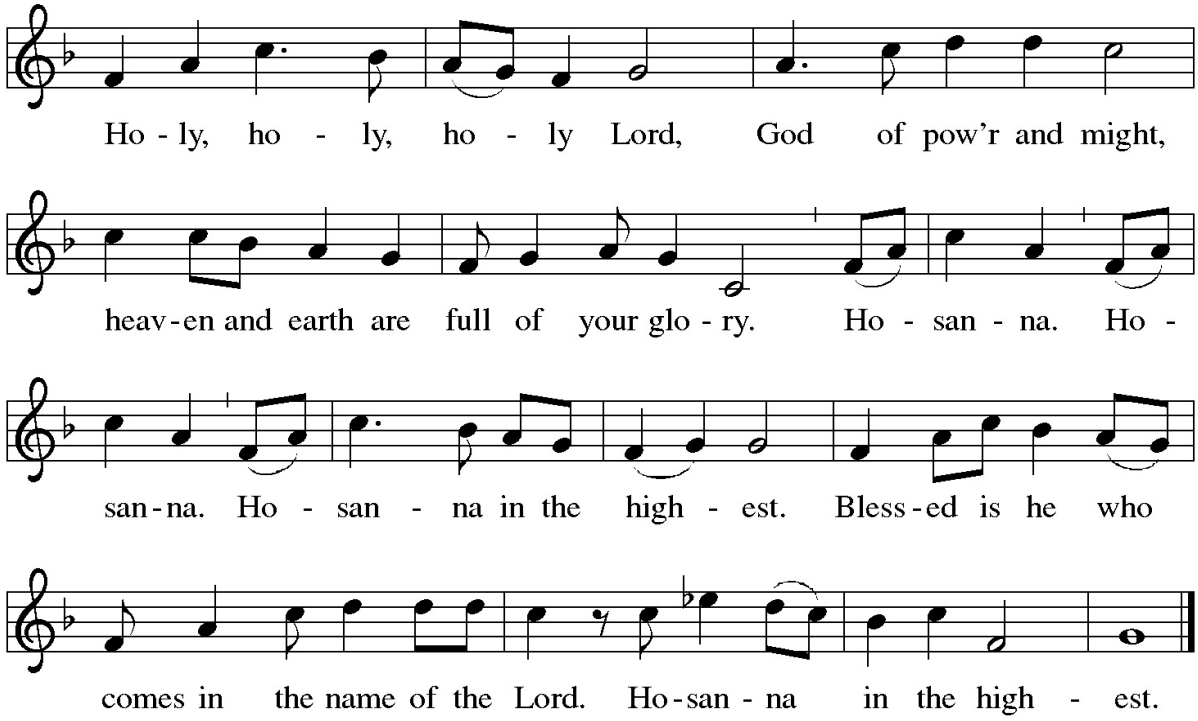
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.
Pour out your Holy Spirit,
that by this Holy Communion we may know
the unity we share with all your people
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.
Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.

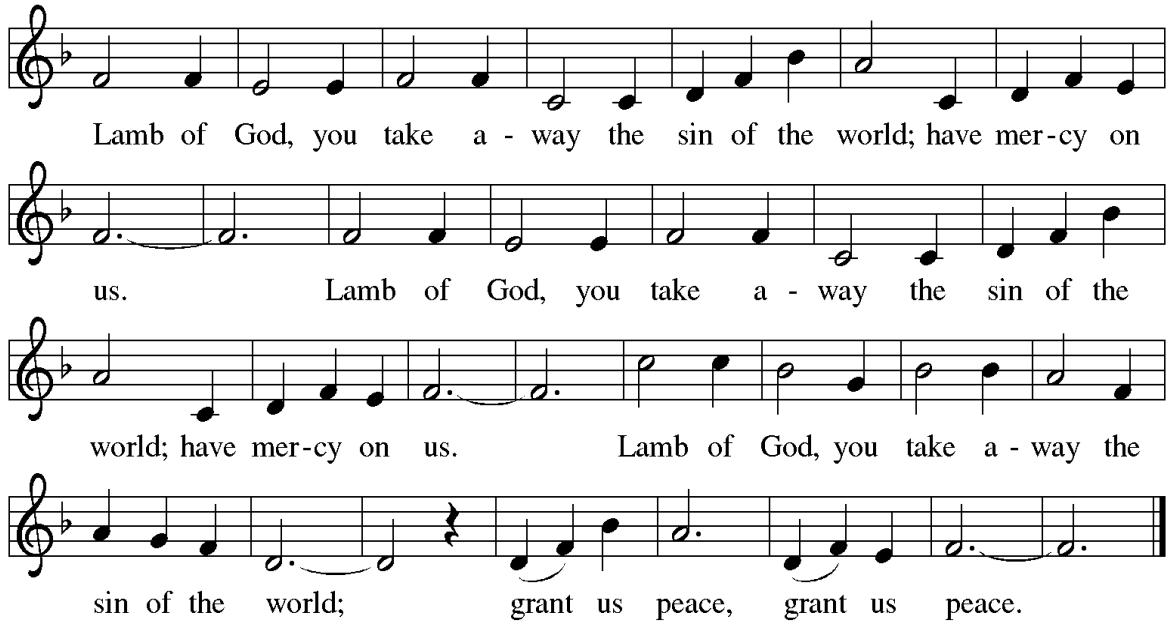
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

LAMB OF GOD

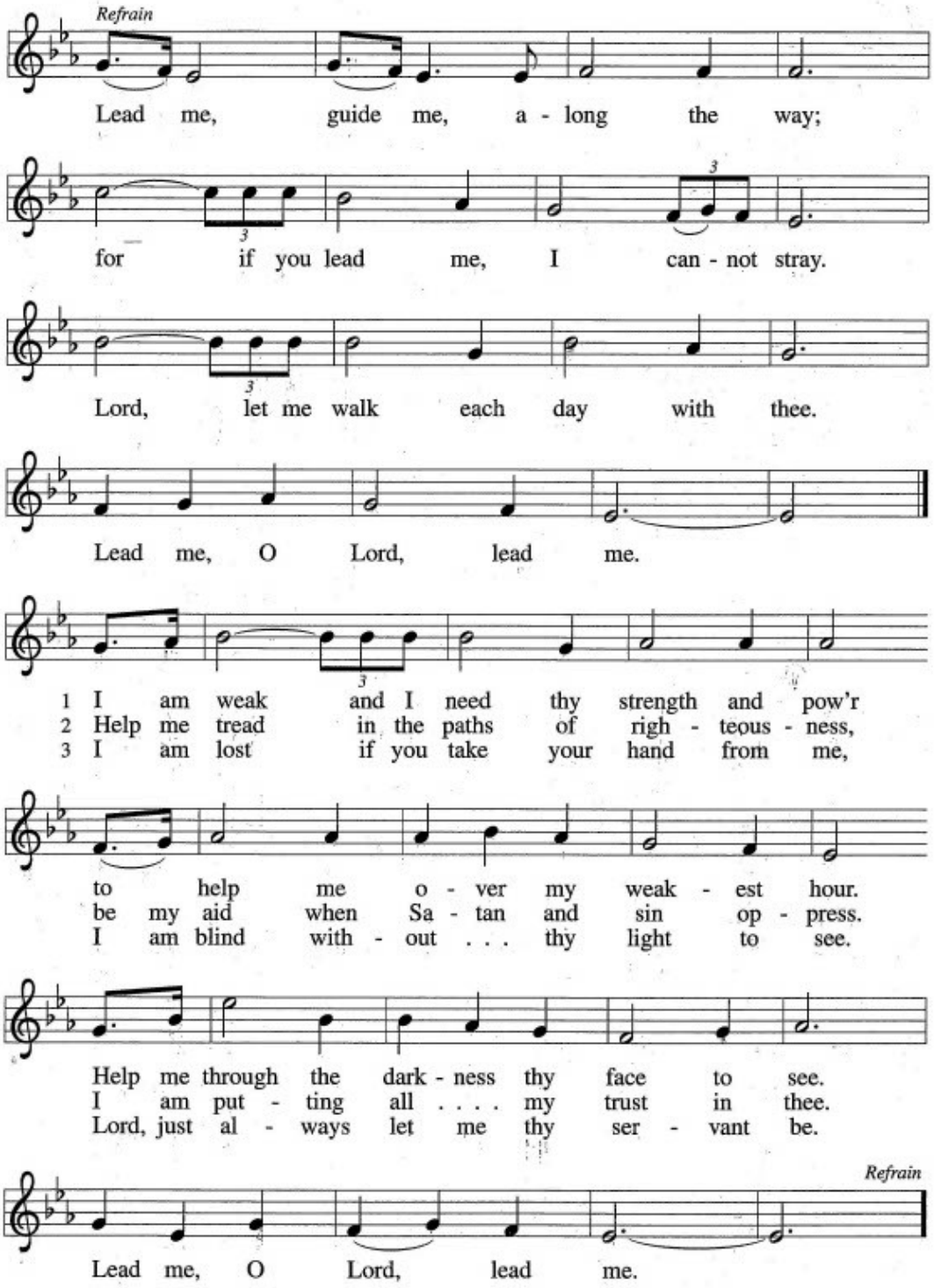


COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN ELW 768

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

Led by the Emmanuel Chancel Choir (Please join in singing)



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LEAD ME, GUIDE ME
Irregular

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

C: O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

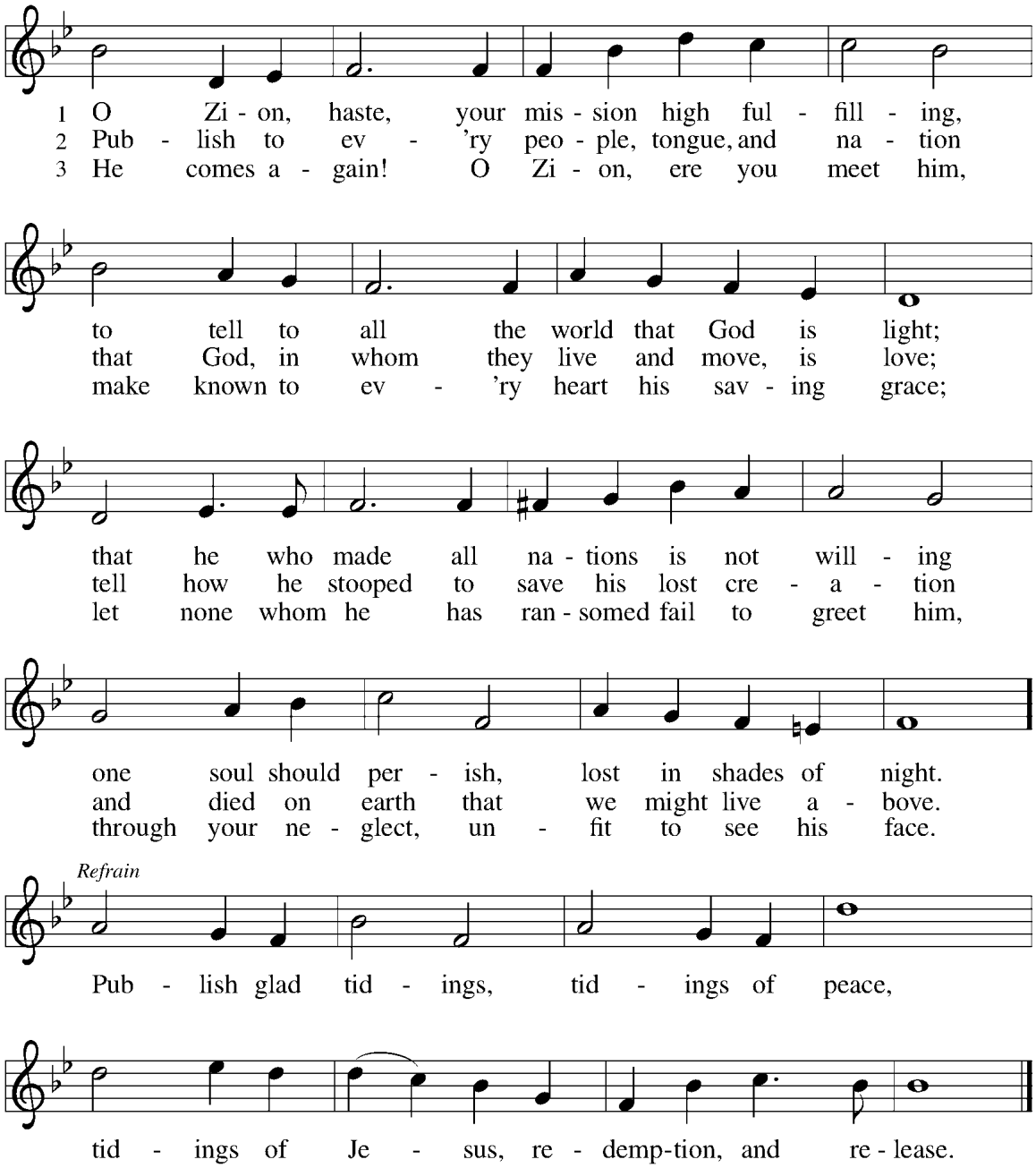
BLESSING

P: The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW 668

"O Zion, Haste"



Text: Mary A. Thomson, 1834–1923
Music: ANGELIC SONGS, James Walch, 1837–1901

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! If this is your first time with us, please add your name and information to our Guest book located in the Narthex (Lobby), we would love to connect with you.

*Hearing assistance devices and cushions are available in the back pew. Please help yourself!
*Children's bulletins available, please see an usher.
*Printed copies of the Newsletter are in the magazine holder in the Narthex.
**Christ in Our Home* devotionals (October - December) can be found in the Narthex.
*Hand Sanitizers can be found in the Narthex and hanging at the end of the pews.

Book of Remembrance

You are invited join Emmanuel's preparation for All Saints Day. This year we will have use a Book of Remembrance to help us remember and honor those who have gone before us. The image comes from scripture, Malachi 3:16 – Then those who feared the Lord spoke with one another. The Lord paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the Lord and esteemed his name. Our Book of Remembrance can be found on the podium in the narthex/lobby. Please write in the names of family and loved ones who have died. The right page is for those who have died since last All Saint's Day, November 3rd, 2024. The left page is for those who have died earlier.

Let's Go Out to Eat

You are invited for a social event for people to get to know each other better, invite a friend or two! Tuesday, October 21st at 5pm at Aubree's in Depot Town – located at 39 E. Cross St. Ypsilanti, MI.

BSA Troop 290 – 2025 Christmas Greens Sale

Decorate for the holidays with beautiful wreaths and greens! This sale helps cover the costs of Summer Camp for all girls and boys in our Troop. Please help by ordering fresh, beautiful greens for the holidays! Order forms can be found in the Narthex or contact Eric Maes. Order forms and full payment are due to the Troop by Sunday November 9th. Thank you for supporting Troop 290!

A reminder that Emmanuel no longer accepts donations of durable medical equipment (walkers, wheelchairs…) For a medical loan closet near you to take your donations, go to loanclosets.org Thank you.

Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is back, collecting Laundry Detergent for Washtenaw Refugee Welcome! Laundry pods or pacs are preferred as large packages of pods can be divided between families. Bring your donation of laundry detergent to the Giving Tree!

Needed weekly for Food Pantry! Around 40 boxes each week.
Any box 12"x12"x12" or up to 16"x16"x16" (or any size in between) shoe boxes are too small and not sturdy enough. If you find any while shopping, or get any boxes in the mail, please bring them to the church the next Sunday you come.

Boxes are packed with a box of oatmeal, box of pasta, box of macaroni and cheese, a bag of rice and up to 14 cans of food. Please leave any boxes near the Food Pantry shelves or Clothes Closet donation bin in the gathering area. Thank you!

Blessing Bags
Membership Committee is preparing to replenish the supply of Blessing Bags with needed supplies for our less fortunate friends. We are asking for assistance with donations of items such as; hats, gloves, scarves, and socks. As well as Kleenex, individually wrapped rolls of toilet paper, band-aids, toothbrushes, toothpaste. Snack items; fruit cups, pudding cups and other things that may be enjoyed, that our friends may not have access to. If you care to donate financially, we may be able to purchase bus tokens, which are always appreciated. To donate items, there's an area across from the office, if you care to donate funds, please see Jennifer. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

Financial Progress Report –
Attendance Sunday 10/12/25: 48
This past week (Oct 6 – Oct 12) we received income of: $10,655
Approved Budget: $285,719 ***Needed Weekly:*** $5,495

For the month of September we had:
- ***Income:**** $27,558
- ***Expenses:*** $22,318
- ***September Balance:*** $ 5,240
  - ***Positive Sept balance due to:***
    - Income exceeds expense.
    - Includes investments positive change in value as of 9-30-25

So far this year we have:
- ***Income:*** $245,886
- ***Expenses:*** $213,252
- ***YTD Balance:*** $32,634
  - ***Favorable YTD balance due to:***
    - Investments positive change in value.
    - Bequest from estate of Barb Maes.
    - Many pledges have been paid in full the first half of the year.

Last year at September 30, 2024 our YTD balance was $ 5,752. Thank you for your support.
*Income will not include the change in value of the Ministry Growth Fund investment until after the 15th of the following month.

Ways to Give: Giving can be done online by clicking here. Or mail checks to: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 201 N. River St., Ypsilanti, MI 48198.

Paypal: Select payment type "Friends and Family" using emmanuelypsi@gmail.com. Please indicate account (general fund, flowers, memorials, etc.) where it says add message.

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THIS WEEK AT EMMANUEL

Sunday, October 19 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost

- Handbell Choir 8:45am
- Chancel Choir 9:30am
- **Worship 10:00am**
- Coffee Hour 11:00am – 12:00pm
- **COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, October 21

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 9:30am
- Food Gatherers delivery
- **Let's Go Out to Eat 5:00pm @Aubree's Depot Town**
- Transition Team Mtg. 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Wednesday, October 22

- Clothes Closet 9:00am – 10:30am
- Bible Study Class 12:30pm – 2:00pm
- Food Pantry 3:00pm – 5:00pm
- AA Meeting 8:00pm – 9:00pm

Thursday, October 23

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 9:30am
- Refresh Committee 10:30am – 12:30pm
- YCC 7:30pm – 9:00pm

Friday, October 24

- NA Meeting 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Sunday, October 26 – Reformation Sunday

- Handbell Choir 8:45am
- **Worship 10:00am**
- Coffee Hour 11:00am – 12:00pm
- Scouts 6:00pm

The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God and to wish a Happy Birthday to my gorgeous wife, Sumaia Shingledecker. Given by Shane Shingledecker

For those with young children: Emmanuel's "Pray-Ground" is located at the front of the church. We welcome and encourage families with children to use this area; where your children can quietly play with soft toys, books, and do arts and crafts. Please don't worry about noise—worship leaders have microphones!

Prayers requested for: John, Vicki, Elizabeth, Cora, Bonnie, Lew, Amanda, Louise, the friends and family of Vivian, Janet, Barb, and Ruth.

Assisting Ministers Needed!
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Giving Online - Online donation
Clothes Closet - ClothesCloset@emmanuelypsi.org
Food Pantry - FoodPantry@emmanuelypsi.org

Serving in Worship:
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Minister of Worship Music..... *David Meitzler*
Minister of Choral Conducting..... *Jamie Gallupe*
Assisting Minister..... *Wendy Thompson*

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